

**Introduced by Senator Beall
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 32—Relative to Autism Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 32, as introduced, Beall. Autism Awareness Month.

This measure would designate the month of April 2015 as Autism Awareness Month and would encourage residents to show support for autism awareness.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder
2 affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those
3 affected by it; and
4 WHEREAS, More than 3.5 million Americans live with an
5 autism spectrum disorder; and
6 WHEREAS, More children are being diagnosed on the autism
7 spectrum than ever before with diagnoses as high as one in 68
8 births nationally; and
9 WHEREAS, Autism is the fastest-growing developmental
10 disability, and in this country the prevalence of autism in children
11 increased by 119.4 percent from 2000 to 2010; and
12 WHEREAS, Only 16.8 percent of the population with disabilities
13 is employed; and
14 WHEREAS, There is no cure for autism, but it is
15 well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment

1 early in their lives, it is often possible for those individuals to lead
2 significantly improved lives; and

3 WHEREAS, Individuals with autism often require a lifetime of
4 specialized and community support services to ensure their health
5 and safety, and to support families' resilience as they manage the
6 psychological and financial burdens autism presents; now,
7 therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
9 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature designates the month of
10 April 2015 as Autism Awareness Month and encourages residents
11 to show support for autism awareness; and be it further

12 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
13 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.